



## ELK GROVE COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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### FIRE DEPARTMENT

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### NEWS RELEASE

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#### **Elk Grove CSD Fire Department News Release:**

#### **FIREFIGHTERS & ELK GROVE FORD TEAM UP TO RESCUE TRAPPED KITTEN**

**Type of Emergency:** Animal Rescue

**Date/Time of Incident:** 12/03/03, 13:43 hrs.

**Location:** 9163 East Stockton Boulevard

**Incident Number:** 03-0007385

**# of Alarms & Times:** 1 + Additional Resources

#### ***Summary of Dispatch Report and Incident Size Up Upon Arrival:***

Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD) firefighters were dispatched at 1:43 p.m. to the Marketplace 99 Shopping Center on East Stockton Boulevard to assist citizens attempting to remove a kitten from inside the front crossbar suspension of a late model Ford Aerostar parked inside the lot. Crews arrived at 1:53 p.m. and made contact with the vehicle owner and several bystanders attempting to extract the cat. Witnesses reported that the cat ran underneath the car while it was parked in the shopping center.

#### ***Summary of Incident Operations:***

A second engine equipped with additional rescue equipment was called to the scene to raise the vehicle. Crews worked to extricate the cat for more than an hour. Determining the need for mutual aid, Captain Jim Mackensen of Engine 71 arranged for a tow and contacted Elk Grove Ford for assistance. Leadership at Elk Grove Ford agreed to extract the cat at no charge to the vehicle owner. The vehicle (with the kitten still inside) was towed to Elk Grove Ford where several members of the service department worked to extricate it from the vehicle. After more than three hours inside the car's suspension, the cat was freed thanks to a partnership between the Fire Department and the local Ford dealer. Though a bit shaken, the kitten was not visibly injured. The vehicle owner intends to adopt that cat and has aptly dubbed it "Aerostar."

#### ***Incident Resources:***

Number of Fire Engines: 2

Number of Firefighters: 7

Mutual Aid Assisting Agencies: Elk Grove Ford

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